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PETITION FOR FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated June 11, 1999, be extended for four months to and including December 11, 1999.

Enclosed is a check for \$1360 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, Order No. 02103/354001.

Respectfully submitted,

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